

THE NEW PLAYS

Tree's Very Merry
"Wives of Windsor."

BY CHARLES DARNTON

JUST how much two handsome, high-spirited actresses mean to a performance of "The Merry Wives of Windsor" was proved last night at the New Amsterdam Theatre when Henrietta Crossman and Constance Collier jointly launched themselves into Sir Herbert Tree's production of Shakespeare's rollicking comedy.

Miss Crossman, to be sure, had been seen as Mistress Page at the Criterion Theatre. But this time she bloomed as a full-blown Shakespearean comedienne, thanks, perhaps, to the Tree of wisdom that marked the production. She romped into the play with a joyousness that was nothing less than infectious. Miss Collier, as Mistress Ford, was that rare creature, a beautiful woman with a sense of humor.

Thanks to these two actresses, Tree's very "Merry Wives of Windsor" proved a most frolicsome affair. In the reading of Falstaff's letter, betraying the correspondence school of love-making, Miss Crossman and Miss Collier were delightful, and then kept up their captivating work to the end. By way of taking liberties Miss Crossman got under a tablecloth and Miss Collier made a chest her hiding place when Master Ford instituted a search of his house for poor old Falstaff. At another time they actually sat upon the "fat knight" by way of resting after an effort to raise him from the floor.

For his part, Tree was a colossal Falstaff. He made up in bulk what he lacked in spirit. There was little life in his performance. He moved and talked too slowly to be a possible source of alarm to the mischievous wives, and he lacked the robust quality that Thomas A. Wise gave to the character at the Criterion Theatre. But his good nature made itself felt from the moment he stepped on the stage until he danced off with a pretty little "fairy"—a mere tot—in the Windsor Forest rambol. He seemed to be giving a sort of May festival in honor of Shakespeare. For that matter all the participants in the final scene danced until they appeared to be weak in the knees. Incidentally, a great deal of "business" new to the American stage marked the performance, and there were also occasional reminders that English actors never quite forget Drury Lane pantomime in their extravagant treatment of Shakespearean comedy.

However, the performance as a whole was excellent. An especially good bit of acting was done by George Hayes as the simpering, effeminate Blunder. Lyn Harding played the suspicious, jealous Master Ford with a vengeance and a sense of humor. G. W. Anson as Bardolph and Claude Berbohm as Pistol were amusing. On the other hand Henry Herbert was deadly as Dr. Caius. He made this eccentric character seem Jewish rather than French. Maud Milton was an exquisite Mistress Page, and Virginia Fox Brooks a rather unromantic Anne Page. Eric Mason cut a very good figure as Master Ford, and Sydney Greenstreet was a jolly Falstaff.

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